

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

JOHN DEBLASIO,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

SABRINA MARIE WADHAMS,

Defendant.

No. 13 C 1627

Chicago, Illinois
November 15, 2013
8:50 o'clock a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS - STATUS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE MILTON I. SHADUR

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1 THE CLERK: 13 C 1627, Deblasio versus Wadams.

2 MR. ANDREANO: Good morning, your Honor, Frank
3 Andreano on behalf of plaintiff.

4 MS. WADHAMS: Good morning, your Honor, I am
5 Sabrina Wadhams.

6 THE COURT: Good morning. Miss Wadhams, you have
7 seen the motion that was filed because of your nonappearance
8 at the scheduled deposition.

9 MS. WADHAMS: I have, your Honor. I received it
10 yesterday. I cancelled the deposition because my grandmother
11 has been in the hospital and I asked for it to be
12 rescheduled. And I never received a phone call.

13 THE COURT: Well, wait a minute. Did you let them
14 know ahead of time?

15 MS. WADHAMS: Yes, I spoke with Mr. Frank Andreano
16 in person on the 31st of October at the River Valley Justice
17 Center in Joliet.

18 MR. ANDREANO: No, sir. I have no idea what she
19 is talking about.

20 THE COURT: Is this the gentleman you said you
21 talked with?

22 MS. WADHAMS: Yes, your Honor, at the River Valley
23 Justice Center in Joliet on October 31st?

24 THE COURT: Were you at that --

25 MR. ANDREANO: I was at the River Valley Justice

1 Center on another case, and I never had a conversation with
2 Miss Wadhams other than her saying, "I think I know who you
3 are." And I said, "I don't know who you are," because I have
4 never met her at prior depositions that I know of. And she
5 said, "You are Frank Andreano." I said, "Yes, that is it."
6 I asked who she was. She said she is Sabrina Wadhams. And I
7 said, "Nice to meet you." That was the extent of our
8 conversation and I have -- I don't know what she is talking
9 about.

10 THE COURT: Well, Miss Wadhams, you know, when we
11 have diametrically opposed statements about what happened or
12 what didn't happen, the Court has, of course, a way to
13 conduct a hearing on that and find out -- and make a
14 decision. It is obvious that I have to believe one of you
15 and disbelieve the other one. And the only way I can figure
16 out to do that is the way that we typically do in litigation,
17 and that is conduct a hearing and make a judgment about it.

18 Counsel has said -- had you previously met him?

19 MS. WADHAMS: Yes, I have, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: When, where?

21 MS. WADHAMS: Prior to this at the River Valley
22 Justice Center on the 31st I met him.

23 THE COURT: No, no, I am asking whether before --
24 you had met him before the 31st.

25 MS. WADHAMS: Yes.

1 THE COURT: Where was that and when?

2 MS. WADHAMS: That was at the Joliet Courthouse,
3 the annex building.

4 MR. ANDREANO: That's right, I saw her one time.
5 That's right, I saw her one time for I think three minutes,
6 maybe, when we set a -- when the judge called the case and
7 set a date. That's right, one time.

8 THE COURT: Well, you know, somebody is not telling
9 the truth. And, as I say, I only know one way to determine
10 that, and that is to conduct a hearing. And so I suppose I
11 am going to have to do that and both of you are going to have
12 to go under oath and tell what your own versions are, and I
13 will make a determination. So I am going to enter and
14 continue this motion and I am -- and as a matter of setting
15 up a convenient time.

16 In the meantime, however, let me urge you -- you
17 know, it is very difficult -- and I am sure you understand
18 that -- for nonlawyers to represent themselves in connection
19 with lawsuits. It is difficult for them in part because
20 lawsuits tend to be technical and it is very hard for a
21 nonlawyer to deal with that. But also in part because when
22 we have lawyer-to-lawyer discussions and meetings, we really
23 never run into this kind of thing where there is a dispute.

24 Now, I don't know whether you have made any effort
25 to get someone to replace your withdrawn counsel or not.

1 MS. WADHAMS: I am still seeking out counsel, your
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: Well, let's set up a time for a
4 hearing. I do not have a trial next week and so I think that
5 in terms -- take a look, Sonya. I think in terms of Tuesday
6 the 19th, Wednesday the 20th, or Friday the 22nd, I could do
7 it. And as a matter of fact I could even I believe do it on
8 Thursday, the 21st, in the morning. I would typically expect
9 that maybe 10:00 o'clock or so would be a good time because I
10 am always through with my motions and statuses by then and
11 the trial that I had scheduled just settled out not long ago.

12 Am I right, Sonya, any of those days is clear,
13 right?

14 THE CLERK: Yeah.

15 THE COURT: Anything from Tuesday, the 19th,
16 through Friday, the 22nd, right?

17 THE CLERK: Tuesday, the 19th, at --

18 THE COURT: 10:00 o'clock.

19 THE CLERK: Yes. You have 9:30 cases on the 20th.

20 THE COURT: On which one?

21 THE CLERK: On the 20th.

22 THE COURT: What is --

23 THE CLERK: You have Falcon versus Gray and U.S.
24 Bank National versus Capital Realty.

25 THE COURT: So Wednesday, the 20th, is out.

1 THE CLERK: Okay.

2 THE COURT: How about the 21st?

3 THE CLERK: That is open.

4 THE COURT: And the 22nd is open?

5 THE CLERK: And the 22nd is open.

6 THE COURT: Tuesday the 19th, Thursday the 21st,
7 Friday the 22nd. What date is best for both of you?

8 MS. WADHAMS: I won't be able to do Tuesday. I
9 will be meeting with an attorney on that date. And I have a
10 medical appointment on Thursday, so I will not be able to
11 attend.

12 THE COURT: So which one do you want?

13 MS. WADHAMS: I believe you mentioned Friday was
14 acceptable.

15 THE COURT: Right.

16 MS. WADHAMS: I believe I will be able to do
17 Friday.

18 THE COURT: Is that good for you?

19 MR. ANDREANO: Acceptable, yes.

20 THE COURT: So we are -- I am entering and
21 continuing the motion and we are going to have a hearing at
22 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 22nd.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. ANDREANO: Thank you.

25 MS. WADHAMS: Thank you.

(Which were all the proceedings heard.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript
from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

s/Rosemary ScarPELLi/

Date: November 18, 2013